GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:2
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2002
PRODUCTION OF SOYA BEAN SOYA OIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable increase in prices of all the popular brands of soya oil during the last six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the extent of increase, brand-wise;

(c) whether the demands of soya oil have to be met by imports;

(d) if so, the quantity of soya oil imported during the last year;

(e) whether there is any decline in the indigenous production of soya bean/soya oil;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(g) the effective steps taken to increase the production of soya bean/soya oil and;

(h) the extent of assistance provided by the Government to the States for increasing the soya bean/soya oil production?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.2 DUE FOR REPLY ON 15TH JULY, 2002.

(a)&(b) The soya oil prices are governed by the demand and supply situation as also fluctuations in the international prices of edible oils. In the last six months, the international prices of edible oils have gone up which has led to increase in the domestic prices of all edible oils including the soya oil. The brand-wise prices of edible oils are not monitored.

(c)&(d): The demand for edible oil is not assessed on the basis of a particular edible oil but is assessed on the basis of the production of all edible oils as a whole and the gap between the demand and supply is met through the import of edible oils. A quantity of 11.96 lakh tonnes of soybean oil has been imported during the financial year 2001-02 (up to January, 2002).

(e)&(f): The production of soybean/soya oil has declined during 2000-01 and 2001-02 as compared to the production during 1999-2000. The shortfall in the production of soybean is due to unfavourable weather conditions. The State-wise production of soybean in the country during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 is given in Annexure.

(g)&(h): In order to increase the production of oilseeds including soybean, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is inoperation in 28 States covering 408 districts. Under the scheme assistance is being provided for various inputs and transfer of production and protection technology to the farmers for increasing the production of oilseeds including soybean. An amount of Rs.73.23 crores has been provided to the States for increasing the production of oilseeds including soybean during 2001-02.

ANNEXURE

State-wise production of soybean in the country during 1999-2000 and 2000-01

State/U.T. Production (000 tonnes)

	99-2000	2000-01
Andhra Pradesh	13.9	11.8
Arunachal Pradesh	3.7	3.4
Gujarat	5.1	5.1
Himachal Pradesh	1.1	1.0
Karnataka	59.5	58.8
Madhya Pradesh	4743.0	3431.0
Chhatisgarh	-	9.0
Maharashtra	1620.0	1266.2
Meghalaya	0.9	0.8
Mizoram	1.4	1.6
Nagaland	14.0	11.7
Orissa	-	-
Rajasthan	601.0	455.9
Sikkim	3.4	3.4
Uttar Pradesh	14.0	9.9
Uttaranchal	-	3.0
West Bengal	0.4	0.3
All India	7081.4	5272.9